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T.E.R.O Conference featured John Navarro, Co-Founder of the Council on Tribal Employment Rights.

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William Henderson, of Green Bay Packer fame, gives a speech in Ho-Chunk community.

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Pettibone gets 5 years imprisonment on bribery charge

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

Clarence Pettibone, former legislator, who pleaded guilty July 11, 2012 to accepting bribes for personal gain, will serve 5 years in Federal prison. He has a month to get his affairs in order before entering.

Prosecutors alleged Tim Whiteagle gave Pettibone money and valuables, and that Whiteagle and his (white) girlfriend Atherton, 54, solicited clients (wanting Ho-Chunk business) to do the same. The U.S. Attorney's Office came up with 14 counts against all three from FBI and IRS leads, however, Pettibone only pled guilty to Count 5 which supersedes all other charges. Under oath and in front of a Federal Judge, Pettibone said he influenced a contract worth \$250,000 from Trinity Financial Group with the Development Committee and voted on it in full Legislature. However, the total loss of money for the Nation has not been tallied yet.

As the U.S. Attorney read out the maximum penalties, it was unclear how Pettibone will pay for restitution back to the Nation. Department

of Justice personnel suggest that the Federal Government can put a lien on any of his assets including home and per capita payment. The Nation will put in a marker to gain satisfaction for the \$75,000 at least, but if more is found out missing or tallied. It could raise the amount of the satisfaction marker.

U.S. District Judge William Conley sentenced Pettibone and called him a "corrupt official" who took multiple bribes. Conley then said Pettibone violated the trust of the Ho-Chunk Nation and that his sentence should send a message that corruption will not be tolerated.

According to an Associate Press article, those valuables included "checks and money orders, payments to a martial arts studio operated by Pettibone, a Pontiac Firebird, contributions to Pettibone's

re-election campaign, a job for a relative of Pettibone, golf outings, tickets to an NFL football game, visits to adult entertainment venues, and vacations for Pettibone and his family members, the U.S. Attorney's office said.

A phone call to Park Institute's owner John Crystal yielded no response as to how the studio in Black River Falls was funded. Donald Greengrass said he looked to Pettibone for golf sponsorship because he knew Pettibone was making money off student memberships. District 1 Community Center said, "We never received an amount for rent, nor did we ask. What should be known though is how much he benefitted with pay, mileage, per diems, hotels, conference costs, during his time running down the Ho-Chunk Nation's name as a legislator."

In the plea testimony reads as follows:

MR. SINNOTT: Yes, Your Honor. The government would produce at any trial facts that would prove each of the elements the government would be required to prove. Those elements are first that the defendant was an agent of an Indian tribal government, namely the Ho-Chunk Nation. Second, that the defendant accepted from Whiteagle and Atherton the Pontiac Firebird described in Count 5. Third, that the defendant did so corruptly with intent to be influenced or rewarded in connection with some business, transac-



Pettibone in finer days with his sports coat.

tion or series of transactions of the Ho-Chunk Nation. Fourth element is that the business, transaction or series of transactions involved anything of value of \$5,000 or more. And finally, the fifth element would be that the Ho-Chunk Nation, in any -- in a one-year period, received benefits of more than \$10,000 under any federal program involving a grant or other federal assistance.

At one part in the transcript, Pettibone describes how the process works when the HCN doesn't believe in its own workers or silences them to the extent that they fear for their jobs. It assumes that only non-native business can get programs going without prejudice.

It states how HHCDA got tricked so easily at those times of internal chaos.

Emails recovered in search warrants would show that Deborah Atherton kept trying to put together another Trinity deal with Tim Whiteagle and Dave Payne.

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Pettibone served as Vice President and Finance Committee Chair of the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature.



Pettibone pictured with the Ho-Chunk Nation Legislature. Terms limits for elected official are to be voted in August's Secretarial Election

FROM THE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT To the Ho-Chunk People:

I don't know that we'll ever see the day when everything we're working on as servants of our Great Public will ever be accomplished. The needs are many but even more, are the ideas at which these needs can be met. I once read a decision by our Judiciary that explained the difference between what's right or wrong than just having differing opinions.

As we continue to improve our Nation's health, finances, government, businesses, and most importantly, our cultural identity and practices, it's

good to know we as Ho-Chunk People stand together on seeking financial stability, efficient government, profitable business, and to never sever the tie with those before us as we step forward. This is why we have held a revered place in Indian Country and why I am privileged to play one small part in this great evolution the Creator has laid out for us.

We have come a very long way since our reorganization in the 90s. In my opinion, we have all contributed to a government that has

engaged a level of progress that is unmatched by those I've come to know. Every President, every Legislator and most of all, every Ho-Chunk person who've pushed us to be better from our first day as a Nation to today has made us what we are.

To meet the needs of the People, the next era of our government's development is going to rely on data and information-based decision making in order to ensure the overall effectiveness of our operation. Observations can be confirmed with data. Good

ideas can be explored with information and the same can allow us to focus on weak spots as well, celebrate our improvements.

Someone asked if I ever sleep (haha...I do) but I mentioned to them, every minute spent away from my little family has to be worth it. It was a particularly long week but I had the privilege to attend District Meetings in Tomah, Madison and St. Paul. I listened to many members and as I drove my last mile home (from nearly 1,000 this week), my visits to



Jon Greendeer

those areas remind me why I'm there...to serve the people with everything I have. Every bit of my energy to do so comes from you. Thank you.

This is why I am here. In the service of the People, Maąšųga
Jon Greendeer
President of the
Ho-Chunk Nation

Vote "NO" to Secretarial Election Constitutional Amendment H, Legislature Education Requirement

DISCLAIMER: This is my, Ken Twin, opinion and what I believe; this Letter to the Editor is not the opinion of the *Hocak Worak* editorial staff.

I am asking you, Ho-Chunk Nation, to Vote "NO" to Secretarial Election Constitutional Amendment

H, and I am asking for your support to not remove the **Four Year Baccalaureate degree qualification for Legislature representatives.**

I am embarrassed by humiliating Wisconsin newspaper articles such as *Milwaukee Journal-Sentinel's*, May 7, 2005, article titled,

"Report paints riches-to-rags peril for tribe," and *La Crosse Tribune's* May 9, 2005, article titled, "Accountant warns of Ho-Chunk bankruptcy," and *La Crosse Tribune's* recent June 22, 2011 article titled, "Trio indicted in Ho-Chunk bribery scandal" (former District 1 Legislator

Clarence Pettibone, Timothy Whiteagle and Deborah Atherton violating our trust with several federal criminal indictments).

Newspaper headlines like these would be the dysfunctional norm again if we revert backward to no education qualifications of Legislature. Incompetent, inept HCN Legislative representatives making bumbling, bad decisions that cost us millions of dollars would be the dysfunctional norm again if we revert backward to no education qualifications of Legislature.

I want to be very clear with you; it is obvious these seven legislators, Douglas Greengrass, James Greendeer, Patrick Red Eagle, Hope Smith, Robert Two Bears, John Holst, and Greg Littlejohn, would be phased out of Legislature because they do not possess a four year baccalaureate degree, per the current legislature education requirement qualification. These seven legislators are willing to corrupt and pervert the Ho-Chunk Nation Constitution to keep the \$70,000/year salary in addition to the \$12,000 annual per capita payment.

Moreover, they have "eviscerated" General Council's authority, according to General Council Agency Attorney Jon Swimmer, as recently reported by the *Hocak Worak*, June 29, 2012. It is also unfortunate that President Jon Greendeer is colluding with these seven legislators; they are violating the Constitution's separation of powers, thus abusing their power.

For these seven self-serving legislators, they are entirely concerned about *their* money and *their* power and not about us, Ho-Chunk tribal members.

Additionally, we need this explicit four year baccalaureate degree legislature education requirement because we cannot depend upon the HCN Election Board to thoroughly

vet and examine prospective Ho-Chunk political candidates. For example, our previous President, Wilfrid Cleveland, is a convicted Felon, (Dept. of Justice Crime Information Bureau, and Result # 2202565801509506); the HCN Constitution Article VI, Section 3, clearly states, "... No person convicted of a felony shall serve as President unless pardoned." Judy White Horse, Election Board chairperson, and Election Board's incompetence opened us, Ho-Chunk Nation, to unneeded risk and also undermined the integrity of the HCN Constitution when Wilfrid Cleveland was elected President.

I ask this question to you, Ho-Chunk Nation, "Would you bet your money, your quarterly per capita payments, on Legislators not possessing his/her four year college degree?"

My short answer: NO. My bet and my confidence are on those Ho-Chunk men and women that have been thoroughly vetted by accredited academic institutions; these Ho-Chunk men and women have been thoroughly examined and challenged by objective professors to successfully earn their baccalaureate degree. We need these accomplished, responsible Ho-Chunk men and women voted to Legislature. The dismal future U.S. economic outlook warrants why we need competent Ho-Chunk men and women in the Legislative seats.

You have power with your August 14, 2012 Secretarial Election Amendment vote. Again, my humble request to you, Ho-Chunk Nation, is to **Vote "NO" to Secretarial Election Constitutional Amendment H** and I am asking for your support to **not remove the Legislature Education Requirement.**

Submitted by
Kenneth Twin,
Bloomington, MN

Dear Editor:

As a former non-Native employee of the Ho-Chunk Nation I feel it is necessary for me to respond to comments made by Dr. Jeremy Rockman in his Letter to the Editor published in the July 13, 2012 edition of the *Hocak Worak*.

I worked for the Nation for 12 years and like most employees (both Native and non-Native) I came to work, did my job and felt that I was contributing to the betterment of the Nation and its people. I am insulted that Dr. Rockman believes that the contributions of all non Ho-Chunk employees 'diminishes the presence of Ho-Chunk people.'

I agree that Ho-Chunk Preference can be confusing. However it is disturbing that someone as educated as Dr. Rockman suggests that all

positions can be better filled by Ho-Chunk people just because they are Ho-Chunk. To suggest the Nation should "lower the bar" when seeking to employ its own members would be doing a great disservice to the membership at large. Does he think someone who is almost a licensed teacher should be teaching Ho-Chunk children? Would he like a Ho-Chunk member who is almost a dentist or a doctor monitoring his health needs?

As a non Ho-Chunk, I never pretended to fully understand the old ways that some feel define the Ho-Chunk people. I will say though that I think I made as much of an effort to understand those ways as some tribal members and probably knew better than most members how the tribe

functions.

The numbers dictate that the Nation needs to hire from the outside. A former legislator once noted that there is nothing wrong with non Ho-Chunks working to make the Nation better. Another elected official once told me in confidence that his greatest fear was that all non Ho-Chunks working at the Nation's enterprises would call in sick some summer weekend.

While some Ho-Chunk people have no doubt been bypassed in the hiring/promotion process, to blame the Nation's non-Native employees for this oversight is not only not fair it is wrong.

Sincerely,
John Kozlowski
WI Rapids, WI



HO-CHUNK NATION

Monday, July 16, 2012

On Thursday July 12, 2012 Mr. Clarence Pettibone, former Legislator for the Ho-Chunk Nation, was sentenced to 5 years in federal prison following his guilty plea of accepting bribes for personal gain. With the recent sentencing the Ho-Chunk Nation would like to release the following statement:

The Ho-Chunk Nation remains committed to serving and protecting the tribal membership, its businesses and sovereign right to self govern by implementing safeguards to ensure a fiduciary responsibility to protect our the Nation's assets from acts deemed unethical and/or criminal in nature. The Ho-Chunk Nation's officials will continue to review and ensure the Nation's financial security remains a priority now and for future generations to come.

The Ho-Chunk Nation would also like express their heartfelt condolences to the family that has been affected by this unfortunate event. We will keep these people in our thoughts and prayers as we all move past this.

Breakfast Myths & Facts

Information provided by Tara Ringler, Nutritionist. For further information contact 715-284-9851, Extension 5340.

Myth #1

Skipping Breakfast is a good way to lose weight

Fact: People who eat breakfast tend to weigh less than those who skip breakfast. One reason for this is because your metabolism slows down when you are sleeping and breakfast tells your body the day has begun and increases your metabolism. The higher your metabolism is, the more calories you burn, and the less you will weigh. Another reason breakfast eaters weigh less is that people who skip breakfast often end up really hungry later in the day and tend to overeat then when they do finally eat. Also, they tend to overeat on less healthy options because their hunger overrides any goals they may have for healthy eating. In addition, breakfast also helps to keep blood sugars balanced which is essential for everyone but especially for diabetics.

Myth #2

I am not hungry in the morning so I would feel worse if I ate something

Fact: If you currently skip breakfast trying to start your day with a full meal would not be a good idea. Ease into eating breakfast slowly. Try half a glass of 100% juice, 1 piece of toast, or small fruit. Your body will become accustomed to having something in the morning and before you know it you will actually be hungry in the morning. Having two small morning snacks would be a good way to ease into eating in the morning also. Or you may need to start with only having a mid-morning snack to ease into eating breakfast. The idea is to start small in any way that works for you. See below for more.

Myth #3

Skipping breakfast has no effect on performance at work/school

Fact: People who eat breakfast have an increase in their energy level, memory, mental clarity and focus throughout the day than those

who skip breakfast. Children who eat breakfast have shown to have higher test scores, decreased behavioral issues, and enjoy school more than those who do not eat breakfast.

Healthy Breakfast Ideas:

Oatmeal with fresh/frozen fruit such as blueberries/ raspberries

Whole grain toast with peanut butter

• If the 1st ingredient on the label says "whole" – it's a whole grain product

100% juice with 1 boiled egg

• The label should say "100% juice" and should not say "from concentrate"

Fruit with low-fat cheese/cottage cheese

Yogurt with granola/whole grain cereal and fruit

Small handful of nuts with glass of low-fat or fat-free milk

Homemade muffin

• Replace half the white flour with whole grain flour

• Replace half the oil/fat with applesauce – unsweetened

• Add ground flaxseed, shredded carrots/apples, raisins, and/or nuts



Ho-Chunk Health Care Center in Black River Falls

Diabetes Learning Circle

August 2012

Date	Topic
August 2	But, I Just Have Pre-Diabetes...
August 16	Smoking Risks/Cessation

The Diabetes Learning Circle is a morning presentation and breakfast designed to provide people with information regarding diabetes prevention and management. Anyone is welcome to attend but we ask that you register for a seat.

The program is from **8:30- 9:15** each scheduled day in the Ho-Chunk Health Care Center Conference Classroom. A nutritious breakfast is served during the program. (Topics are subject to change).

For more information or to register contact:
Kathy Braaten, Community Health Nutritionist,
715-284-9851 ext. 5335

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Ho-Chunk Nation builds relationship with Big Brothers Big Sisters

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The Ho-Chunk Nation is working on a grant with the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region to offer mentoring services for Ho-Chunk youth in Jackson County. Laura Lindow, the Jackson County Big Brothers Big Sisters Enrollment & Match Specialist, said, "the grant requires a seventy percent match of native to native mentoring." Tribal members can now sign up to be a "big" or a "little" to begin a mentoring relationship.

On July 16, the Big Brothers Big Sisters of the 7 Rivers Region, which covers La Crosse, Vernon, Trempealeau, Winona, and more recently, Jackson counties, offered free pizza and information at the District 1 Community Center to those that were interested. Chris Schabow, Executive Director, and Jeff Murawski, Director of Program Services, of the Big Brothers Big Sister of the 7 Rivers Region were

available to answer questions and explain the goals of the mentoring services available.

Murawski said, "Big Brothers Big Sisters is a mentoring program that matches a grown up with a child by interviewing both based on their common interests. The match will meet once a week to get together for games, homework, or sports depending on whether they choose to be site based or community based program participant. The little can be as young as six years old. The big must go through seven background checks, a two hour interview, and have three references before being paired with a little. Big Brothers Big Sisters is the safest child service out there." Although the organization promotes no to low cost activities, they get plenty of donations, like free tickets to ball games and water parks, and establish a discount list with a variety of entertainment spots. They also have planned activities like holiday and back to school

parties.

Lindow will meet with the big and little weekly to track relationship progress. She said, "I will call and chat for five minutes with the big and the little or their parents to address any concerns, offer activity ideas, and just iron out any hiccups. We focus a lot of time and effort to foster long term relationships; they initially agreed to an one



year." Murawski added, "It's nice for a kid to have someone drive them somewhere to

do something fun who is not your parent. Anybody can sign-up or refer a Big Brother or Big Sister."

Jackson County Big Brothers Big Sisters is offering community and site based programs. An example of site based programming, and ideal use of the grant, is to have high school juniors and seniors to sign up as "bigs" and mentor "littles" from first through fourth graders out at the District 1 Community Center. An example of community based programming is having a "self-identified" native big paired with a "self-identified" native little to take a trip to the library or go play disc golf. Site based programming is open to any aged big and an age five and up little, while community based starts little at age six. Lindow said, "the grant includes plans for culturally based activities. Fundraising is seventy-five percent of our entire budget for Jackson Country. We do get some funds from United

Way.

The applying for the grant spawned from an existing partnership with the La Crosse area Ho-Chunk Youth Services. Lindow said, "Lisa Flick has helping us since April 2011 to establish a formal partnership with the Ho-Chunk Nation by obtaining a Resolution through the Legislature.

For those with apprehension about signing up to be a big or little, Murawski said, "My girlfriend was a Big Sister and always talked about how much fun she had with her little. I always thought about doing it, but never signed up. I had the Big Brothers Big Sisters phone programmed in my cell phone for two years before I called. Now, I work for the organization. But being a Big Brother allows you to act like a big kid, your little gives you that opportunity."

Ho-Chunk Nation sponsors Peace and Dignity Journeys 2012

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

Every four years, since 1992, the Peace and Dignity Journeys have occurred, indigenous people have ran for a cause from Alaska and Argentina meeting in the middle, in Guatemala. In 1992, the runners ran for the elders. In 1996, they ran for the children. In 2000, the run was for the families. In 2004, it was dedicated to women. In 2008, it was for the sacred sites. This year is dedicated to water.

On April 30, runners took off from Tierra del Fuego, Argentina at the southern tip of South America heading for Tikal, Guatemala. The next day, May 1, runners also took off from Chickaloon, Alaska.

They too would be making the trek to Tikal, Guatemala.

The Peace and Dignity Journeys are tied to a Q'ero prophecy of the eagle and condor. The eagle embodies the northern indigenous people, while the condor is the southern indigenous people. The prophecy says that when they unite in the center, a new era will emerge. The journey fulfills the prophecy by unifying indigenous people from North, Central, and South America in a common purpose.

Jose Malvido, the North American organizer, said, "This is our first year running through Ho-Chunk territory. We rely on local communities for support and guidance as we respect their ways. The

runners started in Chickaloon, Alaska and when they reached the Yukon Territory, they split into two groups. One group went south to Vancouver, British Columbia, while the other group went to Winnipeg, Manitoba. From Winnipeg, they'll run to Bemidji, Minnesota, where they'll split into three groups. One of the groups will be coming to Wisconsin."

The Wisconsin and Midwest section of the journey first stopped at the Honor the Earth Powwow, then on to Ladysmith. Next, the runners will be in Ho-Chunk communities; Black River Falls, Tomah, Wisconsin Dells, and Madison. The Ho-Chunk Nation will be assisting with a place to stay,



Peace and Dignity Journey 2012 began May 1st at Chickaloon, Alaska.

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meals, water, and runners while they are in the area. They will also be in Lake Mills, Milwaukee, and Keshena before leaving the state.

Malvido also said, "Currently, we have six runners. We are adding two more in a couple days. They are running about sixty miles per day."

There will be five different routes throughout the U.S. These groups will all reunite in Mexico City, Mexico on September 22nd. On November 28, they will reach Tikal, Guatemala and meet with the South American runners.



Peace and Dignity Journey through the United States.

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Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor hosts Tribal Employment Rights Conference

Marlon WhiteEagle
Staff Writer

The Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Labor hosted a Tribal Employment Rights Conference on July 22-25, 2012 at the Ho-Chunk Gaming-Wisconsin Dells Convention Center. The conference featured John Navarro, the Co-founder and former President of the Council for Tribal Employment Rights, giving an introduction and overview of TERO.

Mr. Navarro believes having a Tribal Employment Rights Office is truly "exercising tribal sovereignty". Navarro opened his presentation with a story about running into Russell Means in two separate occasions. The first time was at a radio station talk show where both were to be interviewed. Means asked permission to be interviewed first in effort to avoid federal authorities. The second time was when the two were at a national conference; this time Means compared his activities as an AIM leader to the work Navarro was doing with TERO. Means said he did his work by force, while Navarro worked within the law and the system. Navarro recalled, "I was sitting in the radio station waiting to be

interviewed, when this big muscular guy walked in with no shirt, just a vest. He had a big knife strapped to his belt. He looked intimidating. There were two Buddhist monks with him, their heads were shaved bald. He came over to ask to be interviewed before me. I said yes."

Navarro talked about the current job recession, how unions were tightening up their requirements, and state and federal government cutbacks. He said, "the Obama Administration called for prioritizing job creation and protecting jobs in the U.S. The U.S. is outsourcing jobs to other countries that can do it for less. Obama is also promoting education and getting highly qualified work force. Small business start-ups bring jobs and revenue into local communities. Lastly, the President, Senate, and Congress have yet to address the Jobs Bill."

In terms of problems that help TERO, Navarro had a good list. He said, "Native Americans have the highest unemployment rate, highest poverty rate, lowest per capita income, poorest in housing standards, not to mention a sixty percent or higher high school dropout rate." Money is important to all of these



Front: Crystal Young, Executive Director of Labor; Kelly Jackson, DOT; Bill Stark, FHWA; Nick Kedrowski, T.E.R.O Director; John Navarro, Co-founder of Council on Tribal Employment Rights; Jeff Hendricks, TERO Board member.
Back: Bonnie Smith, TERO Board member; Troy Swallow, TERO Board President.

statistics.

Navarro also had a list of barriers preventing Native Americans from going to work. He said, "One of the main reasons is the distance from home to work. You got to have transportation and gas to get there. A lot of people can't pass a drug test. There are a lot of Native Americans that are overweight. This is often due to eating commodities; cheese adds girth, which causes heart disease and high blood pressure. I heard an IHS doctor get up at a convention and say he believes the same is true about natives eating commodities. Unemployment leads to stress, and that combined with a bad diet, is unhealthy. Cultural ways are also a barrier; many tribes don't give time off to attend cultural functions. But that can be a barrier to maintain work."

Navarro used a Montana high school, which is predominantly native, as an example of not looking at the future. He said, "A high school won six state championships in a row, and not one of the players went to college. They dropped out and got involved in drinking and doing drugs." There issues working against Tribal

Employment Rights Offices. Navarro said, "Tribal politics can cause discrimination. Other problems extend from internal resistance to change and/or challenge. Misguided mind sets are a problem, when the "white lawyer" is hired over natives to appear more knowledgeable. "Brain drain" occurs when tribal members find employment away from home and tribal work. They can make more money elsewhere. Ethical and moral issues come into play when dealing with employment decisions for tribal members."

On the flip side of the coin, Navarro said, "tribes are sovereign, and have supreme power of their employment decisions. The own land, can purchase more land to uses for job creating endeavors. There also exists an untapped workforce, for those who haven't worked. Ultimately, tribes control their own economic activity." Navarro dispels two common complaints by saying, "we need others to come work for us, because we don't have enough people to fill all the positions. And tribes don't like unions, because they were once turned down by the unions."

In conclusion, Navarro said, "there are six hundred and seventy thousand direct gaming jobs in Indian country. There are two hundred

and twenty-five gaming tribes. Not to mention the off shoot business around gaming; like the stores, hotels, restaurants, etc. Tribal policies should align with your Tribal Employment Rights Ordinance, otherwise it weakens both documents. The ordinance is there to protect all parties involved." Navarro said, "To exercise tribal sovereignty, tribes need to use their broad powers, and develop clear rules and responsibilities. Tribes can conduct hearings and make rulings on tribal employment issues. Unions must adhere to tribal law if they want to come into Indian casinos. Unions also can't force tribal members to join the union, although tribal members stand to benefit from retirement packages and hospitalization costs. Tribal Employment Rights Office should be fully enforced; it's systematic and structured to help tribal members get employed. Tribes can have preference in training, shift differentials. The tribal government has a responsibility to protect its people, provide education to gain employment in tribal enterprises, promote their special rights, and orientated new hire as guest of tribal employment and to the rights of tribal members."



August Elders Birthdays

1 Gary Climer	17 Rebecca Greendeer
2 Diane Lonetree	Kathleen Schladt
3 John Edwards	Coleen Finn
5 Bernadine Wanty	20 Louis Costello
6 Paul Cloud	20 Anna Funmaker
Martina Littlewolf	Jouita Orozco
Richard Kearnes Jr	22 William Kirkwood
Muriel Whiteagle	Quentin Thundercloud
7 Robert Kirkwood	23 Sherry Dalton
8 Kelly Decorah	Owen Mike
Vicki Johnson	William Browne
Joseph Stacy	24 Sharon Green
Lawrence Thundercloud	Richard Mann
9 Ben Hopinkah	Lenore Sweet
Gary Whitehorse	Royce Blackdeer
10 Rowland Rave	26 Sharon Prusia
Hope Smith	Richard Lowe
Esther Youngthunder	27 Curtis Blackdeer
Alberta Starnes	Joyce Brockhaus
11 Selina Joshua	Darlene Denny
Vivena Lemieux	Jacob Green
James Beverly	28 Jeanette Whitewing
12 Paul Cassiman	Ella Bigboy
13 Denis Rockman	29 Milnor Blackcoon
14 Vicki Browneagle	Harold Kirkwood
Josephson Beverly	Gordon Thunder
Wayne Funmaker	31 Joseph Lonetree
15 Gladys Ebata	
16 Charlie Youngthunder	
Kathryn Brown	
Alma Miner	
Walter Lemieux Jr	



Thompson gets standing ovation on eagle feather issue

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

The right to carry eagle feathers is a delicate question that affects every Federally Recognized Tribe across the United States. Some wăksiks (Indian people) have earned the right to carry eagle feathers through their military service in the armed forces and can name people. Some Indian people have earned the right to use eagle feathers in ceremonies to heal the sick. Some wăksiks have earned the right to use eagle feathers at pow-wows on their regalias. Out West there are families who attain "live" eagle feathers without killing the bird. They set traps on ridge tops and pluck feathers from the tail feather section and release the eagle without damage. The eagle then flies away to eventually grow another feather.

Before the white man (European settlers) arrived, there was an estimated 1,000,000 bald eagles. In the 1700s the population numbers went down to 250,000. In 1782 the bald eagle became a national symbol of the United States with only 100,000 nesting pairs known occupying 45 of the 48 states.

No one could foresee the rapid decimation that would take place after World War II with the introduction of DDT as a common pesticide in farming practices. More eagles died after DDT seeped into rivers and lakes and the fish they ate became toxic. As fish populations declined, eagles then turned to hunting livestock or other farm animals. Most farmers openly shot eagles with no remorse or value to American Indians.

According to bluepage.com, another factor leading to the high death toll was lead shot used in shotguns to hunt waterfowl. The eagles would ingest lead shot while feeding on the dead remains. In 1967 there were only 450 nesting pairs left in the world. The bald eagle was officially placed on the endangered species list. The golden eagle is on the list as well. However, due to the banning DDT and lead shot, the bald eagle is making a recovery and was taken off the endangered species list by the Bush Administration.

Ho-Chunks have always used eagle feathers in a variety of ways as well. Preston Thompson, Eagle Clan leader, recently attended the National Congress of American Indian citing Presidential Executive Order for each Tribe to negotiate its' own Eagle Feather Law.

At present, the language is hazy with Native Americans only having one place to gain permit for the acquisition of bald or golden eagle feathers or parts. It appears the Federal Government wants to allow Native American people the opportunity to have feathers, but only by their rules. All persons who have feathers are required to get a permit, which undermines the authority of each tribe. It states on the National Eagle Repository website that each Native American person interested in eagle feathers needs to have a National Eagle Repository permit to possess feathers. If a person doesn't have a NER permit, a person's feathers may be confiscated and a fine levied.

Thompson disagrees wholeheartedly with this sentiment in the Federal Government. He pointed out President Clinton developed a memorandum that became an executive order that states all Federal agencies are supposed to

consult with Federally Recognized Tribes on an individual and government to government basis to determine rights and laws that are beneficial to "the people" and not to the Federal Government. "We need to be able to determine our sovereignty regardless of what they think. They can't put a universal decree down and expect every Nation to go with it without consultation. We are not the same Nation and every Nation has its own needs. We need to stand up for our sovereignty as independent Nations and not back down on our own rights," he explained.



Preston Thompson, Eagle Clan Leader, represented the Traditional Court on this heated issue at NCAI.

The White House
Washington, DC
April 29, 1994

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HEADS OF EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENTS AND AGENCIES

SUBJECT: Government-to-Government Relations with Native American Tribal Governments

The United States government has a unique legal relationship with Native American Tribal governments as set forth in the Constitution of the United States, treaties, statutes, and court decisions. As executive departments and agencies undertake activities affecting Native American Tribal rights or trust resources, such activities should be implemented in a knowledgeable, sensitive manner respectful of Tribal sovereignty.

In order to ensure that the rights of sovereign Tribal governments are fully respected, executive branch activities shall be guided by the following:

a. The head of each executive department and agency shall be responsible for ensuring that the department or agency operates within a government-to-government relationship with Federally-recognized Tribal governments.

b. Each executive department and agency shall consult, to the greatest extent practicable and to the extent permitted by law, with Tribal governments prior to taking actions that affect Federally recognized Tribal governments. All such consultations are to be open and candid so that all interested parties may evaluate for themselves the potential impact of relevant proposals.

c. Each executive department and agency shall assess the impact of Federal government plans, projects, programs, and activities on Tribal trust resources and assure that Tribal government rights and concerns are considered during the development of such plans, projects, programs and activities.

d. Each executive department and agency shall take appropriate steps to remove any procedural impediments to working directly and effectively with Tribal governments on activities that affect the trust property and/or governmental rights of the Tribes.

e. Each executive department and agency shall work cooperatively with other Federal departments and agencies to enlist their interest and support in cooperative efforts, where appropriate, to accomplish the goals of this memorandum.

f. Each executive department and agency shall apply the requirements of Executive Orders Nos. 12875 ("Enhancing the Intergovernmental Partnership") and 12866 ("Regulatory Planning and Review") to design solutions and tailor Federal programs, in appropriate circumstances, to address specific or unique needs of Tribal communities. The head of each executive department and agency shall ensure that the department or agency's bureaus and components are fully aware of this memorandum, through publication or other means, and that they are in compliance with its requirements.

Executive Order 13175 of November 6, 2000 states in section 2:

(a) Agencies shall respect Indian tribal self-government and sovereignty, honor tribal treaty and other rights, and strive to meet the responsibilities that arise from the unique legal relationship between the Federal Government and Indian tribal governments.

(b) With respect to Federal statutes and regulations administered by Indian tribal governments, the Federal Government shall grant Indian tribal governments the maximum administrative discretion possible.

(c) When undertaking to formulate and implement policies that have tribal implications, agencies shall:

(1) encourage Indian tribes to develop their own policies to achieve program objectives;

(2) where possible, defer to Indian tribes to establish standards; and

(3) in determining whether to establish Federal standards and any alternatives that would limit the scope of Federal standards or otherwise preserve the prerogatives and authority of Indian tribes.

Thompson starts laughing as he explains Roy Greengrass's reaction to Preston getting a standing ovation. "I didn't understand what you were even talking about with all that white man talk. Then all of a sudden, all the people got up and started clapping. So I thought I had better do the same."



Henderson speaks about anger management at HCN Domestic Abuse Forum

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

William Henderson paid a visit to Ho-Chunk Country July 20th, 2012 to help the Social Services Department deliver a message on Domestic Violence and how to reduce it in Ho-Chunk Communities. Henderson talked at some length about his childhood and what he had to face as a young person coming up in a community where the drug trade was king. He also talked at some length about his playing days with the World Champion Green Bay Packers, where he won a super bowl ring.

Although he was released by the Pack in 2007, he will go down in Packer history blocking for some of the

best running backs Green Bay ever produced. He has 6 rushing records to prove it and is a member of Green Bay Packer Hall of Fame. Now he works with the Packer organization in a variety of situations especially with the "Tailgate Tour" that provides awareness to issues affecting communities all across the state.

"I found my strength. I found inner strength. I surrounded myself with people who were positive. I put myself in the company of people who were trying to be over-achievers. I'm very proud of the group I hung with," he usually tells his audiences.

Henderson got a big laugh from the pro Packer crowd

when started calling down other teams in the NFC North Division. "Is there any Vikings fans here?" he asked. Only one hand went up. "Oh I feel sorry for you." The anonymous person made a choking sign back at him in retaliation. "Oh don't worry, we be back," and the crowd cheered. The heckler waved Henderson off as a clown and went back to taking pictures for the Worak.

Henderson then went on to see if any brave Bears or Lions fans would stick their hands up afterwards. The Ho-Chunk in the crowd loved one of their own coming to see them. Henderson had a variety of football pictures to sign for every fan.

Henderson is an active member of Packers alumni and is bringing the "Sweet Frog Frozen Yogurt" franchise to Wisconsin, with plans to open eight franchises in the next 4-6 months. The first to open is set for Whitefish Bay in Milwaukee, followed by a store in Stevens Point.

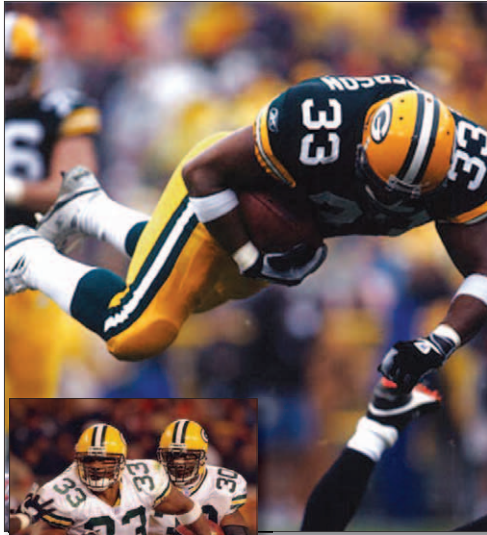
"I enjoy reaching out. Maybe I can reach one



William Henderson shows off his super bowl ring to all Pack Fans.

kid who is at a crossroads, give them a little bit of a push in the right direction," Henderson said of his interest

in youth. There were 88 people who attended the forum.



Henderson's playing days put in him into the Packer Hall of Fame.



Henderson does a lot of public speaking on community issues, especially the tailgate tour.

Pettibone

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Her efforts with Mr. Pettibone continued into 2008. On January 15, 2008, Mr. Pettibone emailed Atherton about Trinity. Atherton had asked Pettibone about the status of the Trinity housing proposal, and in that email, Mr. Pettibone wrote to Atherton "Housing response from our Housing Department is silent at this time which is good, for the more they are silent, the more aware the legislators will be that nothing seems to move when we rely on our own people to get things done, therefore emphasizing

we need outside assistance like Trinity to come in and get things moving."

Some Ho-Chunks want to know if leadership knew about these events without informing the people of these allegations or investigations from the IRS or FBI. If other Legislators knew, don't they have a moral commitment to come out and tell their "constituents" the real story and our government transparent to Tribal Membership?

It seems a long frame of time to come out in 2012 when issues were going on in

2008. It also seems strange that outside people already knew what was happening. It is obvious the sovereignty of the Ho-Chunk Nation was compromised by more than these three individuals. Bo Lucero, security guard, said he witnessed Clarence often coming into the building after hours when no one was around. "It looked suspicious to me," he said. "I have also seen some of these other Legislators doing it as well. So I told my supervisors about it."

All records with Clarence Pettibone's name and votes

are now subject to review. His family may be subject to what they knew as well and how they benefitted from nepotism or cronyism described in the document. In a text message sent to Pettibone, he stated he could not comment to the Hocak Worak what really took place due to legal reasons, which weren't cited.

The writing staff at the Hocak Worak has learned that this may not be an isolated issue. The details go beyond the scope and sequence of this case and may lead to Lynwood with other vendor cor-

ruption. All business dealings would need to go through due diligence and review of the current people who are still employed themselves. Some tribal members seem fine that Pettibone was caught. "Now we can get back to normal," one Dells resident expressed. However, is bribery normal?

It seems there should be some ancient Chinese proverb or fortune cookie that could wish this moment into simplicity. "When the tree falls, the monkeys scatter."

Language Division introduces new curriculum

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

Joann Jones is ecstatic about where the new Language Division curriculum may lead. Using a handful of fluent speakers and current apprentices, the new curriculum will address current needs within the school system.

David Greendeer led a workshop on how to turn simple pictures of various animals into seasonal activities. The assignment had four apprentices explain in Hoocaaq what may be used as possible lesson plans during the four seasons.

Using only five picture cards, one group described how certain words would go with the season of fall. When asked what the group had just explained, many answered hunting. Some of the fluent speakers appeared amazed how the lessons for young children could be made so easily. It differs from just teaching words which is done in most language classes today.

"This will memorialize a new chapter in curriculum development for the language division," explained Jones. Greendeer worked on a circular drawing of how core words and seasonal activities could be used in a new way to develop younger speakers according to school standards. "Whether you're a teacher or school administrator, having this type of curriculum will secure fiscal year budgets. When you're asked to prove what students are learning, you'll be able to justify your needs according to this new school year curriculum," Greendeer emphasized.

Richard Mann raised his hand and asked, "Will we be able to take this into schools, son?" David Greendeer smiled, "Yes." There seemed to be a lot of laughter amongst all who attended.

Greendeer also explained that the Language Division never had a curriculum before and that he's assisting in creating a framework with goals and objectives for each grade level. Andy



Cecil Garvin and Andy Thundercloud are two fluent speakers enjoying success in teaching.

Thundercloud likes the new direction. "However, implementation will be key factor with the older speakers. It's always been a challenge to get them on board with such initiatives. We may be fluent, but that doesn't mean we will all be great teachers. We have evidence of that."

The Ho-Chunk Nation wrote a proposal for a project called, "Ho-Chunk

Language Culture-based Language Materials Project" through the Administration for Native Americans that grants Federally recognized tribes with monies for Native American Language Preservation and Maintenance. This particular project will serve the sub area of education and will run from 2011-2014. The FY 2011 Award was \$143,737. The

main statement is 'developing a academic cultural-based language curricula to increase language acquisition, use, and fluency in grades K-12.'

Anyone interested in getting involved with the language division with this project or any others is asked to contact Richard Mann or any staff at (800) 492-5745.



Marion Miner speaks to David Greendeer about class.



Wayne Falcon and Sam Falcon work as a team to get a season lesson plan done.



Daryl Lonetree records the session for grant purposes.

SATURDAY, JULY 28, 2012
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PAUL KRAUSE—CHAIR
FORREST FUNMAKER—CO-CHAIR
VICKI BROWN EAGLE—SECRETARY

HO-CHUNK CONSTITUTIONAL REFORM TASK FORCE COMMUNITY FORUM

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Agenda

9:00 a.m. Registration/Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Introduction
10:30 a.m. Workshop A
11:30 a.m. Workshop B
12:00 p.m. Lunch
1:00 p.m. Workshop C
2:00 p.m. Workshop D

Prizes

Black River Falls, WI
Ho-Chunk Nation
Veterans Affairs Building
(next to Executive Building)

9:00 A.M.—2:30 P.M.

XBOX Drawing

DON'T KNOW MUCH ABOUT OUR CONSTITUTION? BRING YOUR QUESTIONS, CONCERNS AND COMMENTS. JOIN US FOR A GREAT DAY OF LEARNING, FOOD, AND PRIZES! Must be 18 and over to win. Xbox entries due by 10:00 a.m. that morning.

Bam for Life

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

There seems to be moments when some people are overlooked in hopes of finding a bigger story or a better person. Bam Bam Mrotek sits in the middle of the Dunkin Donuts in Dells with a scratch card. He has a chew in mouth, and once in while picks up his spit cup, and spits into it. Some in the Nation would find this habit disgusting, especially in a food service establishment. Mrotek lives by other standards.

"Do you know who I am?" he asks. Pictures come to mind of him riding his bike on HWY 54 from Majestic Pines one summer afternoon while cars passed him by. There's a shot of him at Blackdeer's during the medicine dance as a previous member. There's one of him playing bingo at the Casino with a smile on his face. "I'm the guy who wears the cheese head downtown," he laughs.

He shows a list of all the cheese heads he wants to get. He's an avid Packers fan. He says, "You know it's because of me they win, don't you. Yeah, all I have to do is think positive thoughts and they win." On the list, he's written the type and the cost of



Bam Bam said if he wore one of these around the police, they might think he was one of them.

each different cheese head hat he wants to purchase. He points to one on the list. "I want to get the cop hat. You seen that one with the badge, right? Anyways, I want to go up to one of those warakus and say, 'I'm one of you now,'" he smiles kind of like Bruce Lee saying 'chinese boxing'.

"How about the fedora one? I could go to one of those nightclubs and wait for a Michael Jackson song to come on," he stops, stands up, and does an impression of Jackson moon walking right in the middle of the Dunkin Donuts.

However, beneath his earthly



The four failing keys of life are fear, doubt, worry and wonder.

exterior, Bam Bam Mrotek is a heaven sent sage. He makes a person wonder if life is mystical and if there are unicorns gagged in a garage

someplace. It's like talking with Val Kilmer in a scene from the Doors when he says, "Do you know what the Four Failings of Life are?" He states them as calm as Ghandi would playing a soft satir cd in the background.

1. Fear – if you have fear in your life, it will hold you back from what you really want to do in your life. You need to go for it.
2. Doubt – is a barrier in the mind that should be avoided at all costs for life to be successful.
3. Worry – when you worry too much about what you want, it will not come true because you will be thinking too much about it.
4. Wonder – this doesn't appear as a failing, but it can lead you away from what you want.

Bam Bam goes on to describe his incredible trip to see the Indianapolis 500. "Yeah, I bought a ticket online for \$75 and thought, I better get there anyway I can. It ended up being a long bike trip."

All in all, he says the 738 mile roadtrip was pretty uneventful. He would average about 60-70 miles a day. It took him 5 days to get down there. "It was so neat arriving at Speedway in the middle of night. I was so excited. I had to find out where I might be sitting. So I had to bike almost another mile just to get to my seat," he explained with enthusiasm.

"The only part I didn't like was all the cornfields. Man, there were so many. I just ended up taking a different route home," Bam Bam spits into cup. "Man, a lot of people see me on my bike, but they don't know I take trips like that. But that was my longest. Glad I got to sleep in hotels at night. That would have been exhausting otherwise."



Bam Bam made a 738 mile bike trip to the Indianapolis 500 on a similar model.

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The making of Indian Health Services

Submitted by Thomas S. Tourtellott, freelance writer

As a client of Indian Health Services (IHS), did you ever find yourself sitting in the waiting area of a tribal clinic, twiddling your thumbs and counting the holes in the ceiling tiles? Sometimes it be like that; a need to occupy the mind with something of interest while you wait for your name to be called.

Assuming that of this moment you actually are sitting there waiting for your name to be called, wrap your mind around this item of interest. Over the last fifty-three years IHS has made tremendous strides towards the improvement in the quality of health of Native Americans across the country.

Old news, you say? Maybe so, but did you ever wonder how IHS came into being in the first place? What's more, can you guess which tribe was the first to receive IHS? You are going to be surprised; hold your seat.

Captain Alan J. Dellapena, Jr., an Environmental Health Officer in the Commissioned Corps of the U.S. Public Health Service dropped a clue to the origins of the IHS back in 2009 when he wrote "Despite growing pains and occasional controversy, IHS remained one of the federal government's most successful expressions of its trust rela-

tionship with American Indians and Alaska Natives."

The term "trust relationship"; therein lays the origins of IHS. Work with me here.

We all remember that when the Old World "discovered" the New World things happened. Namely, the New World was divided up between Spain and Portugal. While it is true that our ancestors were already living here since even the time of dinosaurs, the Old World viewed our ancestors as merely tenants of the land and not actual owners.

Even so, the Old World viewed our ancestors as distinct entities who had the right to rule themselves. Through this worldly view Native American Indians and the powers that be at that time enjoyed a government to government relationship, with the Old World thrones having a responsibility towards their newly discovered tenants.

History unfolded the way it did and the United States of America inherited the responsibilities towards Native American affairs; the trust relationship first created by the Old World had become a federal issue.

During the early years of the republic's infancy, the federal government made a bold promise with regards to this trust relationship, stating that "The utmost good faith

shall always be observed towards the Indians; their lands and property shall never be taken from them without their consent; and, in their property, rights, and liberty, they shall never be invaded or disturbed, unless in just and lawful wars authorized by Congress; but laws founded in justice and humanity, shall from time to time be made for preventing wrongs done to them, and for preserving peace and friendship with them."

Sounds like a steaming pile of politics, no matter how you flush it; especially when you take into account what happened after the Louisiana Purchase. That's when a military incursion led by Lewis and Clark went deep into Indian Country under the guise of trying to find a northwest passage to the other side of the world. This particular expedition only served to foreshadow the future apocalyptic relations between Native America and the federal government.

Subsequent military movements into Indian Country led Supreme Court Chief Justice John Marshall to define for the first time the trust relationship that exists between Native America and the federal government, stating that Indian tribes are domestic dependent nations; that Indians are more like wards and the federal government more like a guardian.

In Marshall's opinion, "The condition of the Indians in relation to the United States is perhaps unlike that of any other two people in existence" and was "marked by peculiar and cardinal distinctions which exist nowhere else."

Originally, the federal gov-

ernment did not consider the health of Native Americans to be one of its responsibilities with respect to the trust relationship. At that time Indians were considered to be an inferior race with peculiar customs and cultures. The federal government was more interested in how to go about removing the noble savage from his homelands.

All manner of method was employed to remove Native Americans from the east to relocations in the west. In 1829 Andrew Jackson became the 7th president of the United States and through his big 'V' ['V' for 'victory'] he birthed the Indian Removal program.

During those early years of the 1800's small pox began decimating thousands upon thousands of Indians along the Missouri River and the Central Plains. It is curious to note that large populations of Native Americans forcibly removed from their homelands in the east ended up in these small pox infected environments in the west.

And this is where the foundations of modern IHS were laid. Because small pox is a no-respecter of persons, the soldiers stationed in forts located close to Indian villages became at risk to being infected by the small pox virus. For this reason Indians began receiving vaccinations.

Shortly thereafter, Congress set aside an annual sum of money to vaccinate Indian people residing near military installations. This annual appropriation was also meant to fund programs that would educate Natives to "the habits and arts of civilization."

Congress dished this money out to the War Department

for administration to Native Americans, giving full power of dispensation to the Secretary of War, our old friend Lewis Cass.

The Secretary of War used these funds underhandedly, vaccinating against small pox those he deemed worthy and refusing to vaccinate those he deemed unworthy. In other words, if you weren't sitting by a fort, wrapped in a blanket, eating squaw dogs and Indian tacos, you weren't getting vaccinated...period.

1832 was the year that saw the small pox epidemic reach its greatest threat to Indian Country. Countless numbers died.

1832 was also the year that saw for the first time a "modern" Indian Health Service program being executed. The program was set up for a tribe of Indians to provide health care other than that of vaccinations against small pox. That tribe of Indians was the Winnebago and the service was provided by the federal government in the honoring of treaty obligations for the relinquishment of certain rights and title to real-estate.

There you have it, the incubation of Indian Health Services and the tribe of people for whom the service was first set up. Of course, back then they didn't call themselves Winnebago. They called themselves Ho-Chunk.

And just for the record, they weren't sitting by no fort, wrapped in blankets, eating squaw dogs and Indian tacos, either. They might have been eating dogs, but then that's a whole different story altogether.

Thank you

The Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129 would like to thank everybody who showed their support for the Mitchell Red-Cloud Jr. Day Powwow. Thank you to all the dancers, singers, workers and especially the audience who attended in the high temperatures but had a good time. And thank you to the Elders for all your support.

We'd like to send a special thank you to the HHCD for the donated Ni Sini. We are grateful to the HCDC for their kind generosity and look forward to working with them during the upcoming Labor Day Powwow.

Sincerely,
Ray Lopez, Commander
Andrew Blackhawk American Legion Post 129



Master Apprentice openings!!

The Language Division would like to announce the opening for apprentices in the Wis. Dells, Wis. Rapids and Wittenberg areas. Applicants may come to the Mauston office to pick applications. At that time there will be a brief introduction as to what their responsibilities will be should they be selected. These will be contracted employees.

Closing date to get applications is: August 3, 2012

Questions contact Hoocak Waazijja Haci Language Division office at: (800)4WAKSIK

The **HO-CHUNK NATION CHILDREN AND FAMILY ACT** requires that the Trial Court "appoint a guardian ad litem to protect the interests of the child," in every juvenile case. 4 HCC § 3.25a.

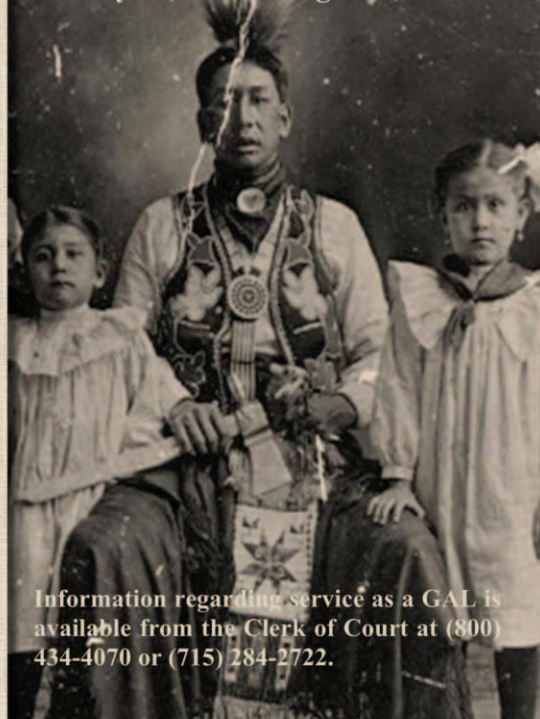
The Court will host an on-site, free GAL training session on July 31, 2012 - August 2, 2012, at Wa Ehi Hoci in Black River Falls.

Current guardians ad litem seeking to serve as a GAL for 2012-2013 are required to attend under the HCN Rules for Guardian Ad Litem adopted by the Supreme Court.

Ho-Chunk employees may receive paid Educational Leave to attend the course. Please contact your immediate supervisor.



GUARDIAN AD LITEM TRAINING July 31, 2012 - August 2, 2012



Information regarding service as a GAL is available from the Clerk of Court at (800) 434-4070 or (715) 284-2722.

Forty year reunion takes place in Taos, New Mexico

Submitted by Tracy Pecore

Native people from all over the Nation travelled to participate in this year's powwow in the mountains of Taos, New Mexico on July 13-15, 2012. On July 14, after forty five years, one of our own Ho-Chunk Vietnam Veteran's, Paul Cloud, was reunited with a fellow Vietnam veteran, Eagle Rael, at the 27th Annual Taos, New Mexico powwow.

Family and friends made the long haul to Taos in support of Paul Cloud. After the twenty plus hour drive and six states later, it was time to finally relax, stretch, and get some good sleep before the first grand entry. Unlike Wisconsin, hot temperatures included very little humidity. It was also very windy as we were at a pretty high elevation and we could see breathtaking mountains every which way we turned. Another

noticeable difference was the thin air.

Throughout the weekend, many veterans were honored and remembered. On Saturday, July 14, as many sat and listened to the words being spoken by Ho-Chunk tribal member Boye Ladd Sr., a proud warrior and wounded war veteran, and one of two master's of ceremonies who also spoke on behalf of Vietnam Veteran Paul Cloud of the Ho-Chunk Nation, and US ARMY Sgt. Eagle Rael, of the Taos Pueblo. He said, "We come together like this in celebration. Many of us may never see each other again. Today we see the coming together of two warriors. Without them, we wouldn't have what we have today." Like the Ho-Chunk Nation, the Pueblo Indians are very proud of their warriors.

In the years of 1968 and 1969 these two men took

part in some of the bloodiest battles on record. Many soldiers lost their lives. Many families didn't know if they would see their son, husband, or brother return home.

While in Vietnam, these two men became close as native brothers should be. The brotherhood, the native way, the prayers, the strength of their hearts and minds, and the will to live brought them home. Before his time was up, Sgt. Rael was wounded in action. Cloud was there on the ground the day Sgt. Rael was flown out of battle by a helicopter. Rael looked back and said, "We'll see each other again brother!" Along with many others, Cloud also shed his blood in Vietnam and says he was very lucky to make it back home.

As Paul (son of the late Edward and Ruth Cloud), and his wife Rose stood next to fellow veteran, Eagle Rael

and his wife, Cloud said he was very proud to be asked to be there and asked for a moment of silence for those that passed before us. Cloud said, "On March 24, 1967, we didn't know what we were walking into. The only cover we had was the grass (like what we see here today). Our main cover was mauna, and still is today."

Cloud explained that on that day, March 24, they lost two company commanders and quite a few soldiers but in turn they captured 124 enemies. He said, "We stuck together, it didn't matter what color they were, and we made sure we came out together." In closing, he said, "My heart goes out to all of my brothers and my sisters who lost their lives for our Nation."

The Wisconsin Ho-Chunk singers were also present to help sing for the special and were also asked to render the

four Ho-Chunk service songs. A special thanks to Travis Rave who took a timeout from work and made his way from Florida to par-take in the special event, along with Allen Cloud, Donovan Collins, Collin Cloud, Lawrence Walker, Jr., Joe Pecore, and Bow Lucero who all made the long drive from Wisconsin.

The Taos Pueblo people were hospitable and it was nice to see a few people from back home. Special thanks to Ho-Chunk tribal member, originally from Black River Falls, Terry Snake, as he honored the Wisconsin travelers during their gourd dancing session. It was an honor to be asked to dance with them for one song. Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation for assisting with the donation to assist with this celebration and support.



(L): Ho-Chunk Vietnam Veteran Paul Cloud and fellow veteran, Sgt. Eagle Rael standing with Taos, Pueblo tribal leaders and Governor Romero as they dance a special honor song for the reunion of two warriors after forty years. (R): Another special honor for Paul Cloud was when he was asked to lead the Grand entry by carrying in the Eagle staff.

2012 WIC Schedule

WIC Month	Wisconsin Dells	Nekoosa	Black River Falls	Black River Falls Pick-Up
August	16 th	9 th	1 st	2 nd
September	20 th	13 th	5 th	6 th
October	18 th	11 th	3 rd	4 th
November	15 th	8 th	7 th	8 th
December	20 th	13 th	5 th	6 th

Wisconsin Dells Area Location: House of Wellness

Nekoosa Area Location: Nekoosa Health Office in the Community Building

❖ For an appointment in WI Dells or Nekoosa call Candice at (715) 886-5444 ext:8760

Black River Falls Area Location: Ho-Chunk Health Care Center

❖ For an appointment in Black River Falls call Betty or Linda at (715) 284-9851

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Elder Social

August 23, 2012
Thursday at 10:00 AM

District One Community Center
Come and join the fun!!!

Bingo

Lunch

Feel Free to Bring a
Prize to Share
55 and Older

Contact Melissa or Derris at 715-284-0905

District One Community Center

Shape Shifters

Men's 16 and Older Category

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.

Women's 16 and Older Category

\$20.00 Registration fee. Winner takes all.

First Weigh-in will be Friday, August 3, 2012 You must
have your registration fee before you can weigh in.

Last weigh-in will be Friday, October 5, 2012 .

Winners will be announced on Monday, October 8, 2012

Weigh-in Schedule for Friday, August 3, 2012

6:00 AM—9:30 AM District One Community Center

10 AM—10:30 AM TOB

10:45 AM –11:15 AM MPC Hotel

11:30 AM—9:00 PM District One Community Center

CONTACT MELISSA OR DERRIS AT 715-284-0905



HHCDA to conduct Ho-Chunk Youth Basketball Camps in August

Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency (HHCDA) will be conducting its first Ho-Chunk Youth Basketball Camps, in Baraboo at the House of Wellness, on August 7-8, and in Black River Falls at the Lunda Center, on August 14-15.

These will be day camps, running from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm each day, with lunch and limited transportation provided. All fifth- through twelfth-grade Ho-Chunk youths are eligible to attend.

The camp day will be divided so that roughly two-thirds of time will be devoted to basketball skills and one-third of time will be devoted to life skills. Featured speakers will include standout area basketball players.

For basketball instruction, each camp will be divided into two groups: (1) fifth through eighth graders, and (2) ninth through twelfth graders. Camp Coordinator Ken Funmaker, Jr., is aiming for good-sized, though manageable, groups of 30-50 youths in each camp, with 15-25 youths in each sub-grouping.

Boys and girls will be together in all age groupings. Naturally, smaller groups will mean more individualized instruction, though at the same time, Funmaker wants to make the camps available to all youths that want to

attend.

Coach for the Baraboo camp will be Scott Gilbeck, House of Wellness Fitness Center Manager and University of Wisconsin-Baraboo Assistant Men's Basketball Coach. Gilbeck is also helping greatly in other ways with the camps, including providing lunches for the campers.

Coach for the Black River Falls camp is Scott Murray, Oneida High School Boys' Basketball Coach and coach

of the Wisconsin Indigenous Games team. Scott Gilbeck will be the Black River Falls camp's assistant coach.

The focus of the camps will be the youth in HHCD communities, though all Ho-Chunk youth, grades 5-12, are eligible. The goal of the camps will be to relate sports, and especially team sports, to life in general.

Funmaker hopes youth will learn to better express themselves, physically and socially, in a confident manner

and with increased self-esteem. Emphasis will be on the Ho-Chunk ethic of always striving to give one's best effort and never giving up.

The camps will be places to meet new people and make friends, working with others on a team, sharing, and being part of a larger effort. HHCD feels it is important to provide youth with the means to make good decisions and achieve their full potential, and these camps will help further that goal.

The camps are being sponsored through generous donations by the HHCD Board of Commissioners and a major outside contributor, Neighborhood Housing Services (NHS) of Richland County.

Funmaker is looking for volunteers to coach, organize, provide transportation, and fundraise. Call him at 1-800-236-2260 if you are interested, or email him at ken.funmaker@ho-chunk.com

Partners in Parenting

Join the fun! Have lunch with us! Bring the family!

Partners in Parenting presents a topic related to parenting each month in a fun informal setting. Lunch provided by HCN Nutrition. Raffles and prizes at each session. Assistance with transportation available. Now at House of Wellness and Black River Falls clinic!

House of Wellness:

4th Thursday of the month, Alberta Day Room, 1130AM-1PM
8/23/12: "Strong Mind, Calm Heart" with Dave Nelson, HCN Behavioral Health

Black River Falls:

2nd Tuesday of the month, Community Health Classroom, 1130AM-1PM

8/14/12: "Summer Safety" with Holly Rodenberg, HCN Nurse Educator

HOW contact: Allie at 888-552-7889 ext 5551

BRF contact: Holly at 888-685-4422 ext 5330

Ho-Chunk Nation Community Health Nursing

invites you to the

3rd Annual Honoring Our Parents

"Small Steps, Big Changes"

September 21, 2012

8:30AM-2:30PM

At Chula Vista Resort in Wisconsin Dells!

Join us for a relaxing day of presentations and hands-on learning! At the end of the conference, participants will receive a pass to the waterpark to enjoy that day 2:30PM- 9:00PM. Continental breakfast and buffet lunch included, provided by HCN Nutrition Program. Raffles, prizes, and much more!

Childcare provided during conference.

Please contact Shawn Nadeau,
Maternal Child Health Nurse

at 608-797-0426 to register you and your family.

To the following Landowners:

**Lance Crowder
Travis Crowder
Willis Crowder
Gordon Thunder**

You have been identified as a co-owner in the Charles Fisher Allotment – Tract 161L located on the Winnebago Reservation in Winnebago, Nebraska described as: E½SE¼ of Section 12, Township 26 North, Range 8 East of the 6th P.M., Thurston County, Nebraska containing 80 acres more or less.

The Winnebago Tribe of Nebraska is interested in purchasing all the interest in the above described trust allotment.

You may contact the BIA-Winnebago Agency, Attn: Realty, Rt. 1, Box 18, Winnebago, Nebraska 68071 or Monica Flores, Realty Officer/LaVerne Parker, Realty Specialist at 1-402-878-2475 or Toll Free 1-877-215-5936 for more information.

Everett Baxter Jr, Realty Clerk
Realty Department
Bureau of Indian Affairs
Winnebago Agency
R.T. 1 Box 18
Winnebago, NE 68071

Phone: (402) 878-2475 Fax: (402) 878-4472



HO-CHUNK NATION DEPARTMENT OF HOUSING

Correction

NOTICE OF VACANCY

The HCN Department of Housing is seeking applicants to fill two (2) vacancies from District 1 and District 2 on the Housing Board of Directors

Duties:

Be involved in the Department's strategic community housing plan
Serve as a consultant during the development of the Department's annual goals and objectives required pursuant to the *Appropriations and Budget Process Act*.
Serve in an advisory capacity on matters referred by the Executive Director of Housing.

Qualifications:

Enrolled member of the Ho-Chunk Nation
Shall have the requisite skill, knowledge specific to housing
Provide professional and expert advice and recommendations
Board experience and having a flexible scheduling are beneficial to being appointed

Membership:

Shall not be an employee of the Department of Housing
Shall not be a member of more than two (2) department Boards of Directors
Shall not be appointed nor serve as a member of a subordinate advisory board within the Department of Housing
Shall not be appointed nor serve as a Commissioner of the Ho-Chunk Housing and Community Development Agency

Terms:

Shall serve two (2) year terms and may serve for more than one (1) term. The term shall be alternated so that two (2) Directors are appointed or re-appointed after the first year and every two (2) years thereafter

If interested, submit a resume (with references), copy of valid driver's license and insurance to:
Anna Vidana-Brown, Executive Administrative Assistant
P.O. Box 170
Tomah, WI 54660

Office of the General Council Announcements

General Council Agency Vacancies:

The GCA has one Agent vacancy in Black River Falls and one Alternate vacancy in Tomah. Tribal members who are interested must be voted in by a majority vote at the monthly area meeting.

General Council Agency is now accepting RFPs for General Council 2012 for the following:

American Legion Proposals: Color Guard and Flag Ceremony

General Council Agency News:

The GCA is preparing for General Council 2012 which will be held at Ho-Chunk Gaming Wisconsin Dells, Baraboo, WI on September 22nd, 2012.

Please submit resolutions to the Office of the General Council located at the Omission Warehouse in Black River Falls, WI.

The Office of the General Council provides resolution assistance.

Please submit RFPs to the Office of the General Council

PO Box 667, Black River Falls, WI. 54615

Telephone: (715) 284-9343 ext. 1275, 1070, 1075.

We are looking forward to seeing you at General Council 2012.

ELDER LAW IN INDIAN COUNTRY:

A CONFERENCE FOR TRIBAL ELDERS AND THE PEOPLE WHO CARE ABOUT THEM.

August 14-15, 2012

Stoney Creek Inn & Conference Center
1100 Imperial Avenue
Rothschild, WI 54474

Hosted by Wisconsin Judicare's Indian Law Office, Wausau, WI

August 14, 2012		August 15, 2012	
7:30-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast	7:30-9:00 a.m.	Breakfast
9:00-12 p.m.	Seminars	9:00-12 p.m.	Seminars
12:00-1:30 p.m.	Lunch & Speaker	12-2:00 p.m.	Lunch & Speaker
1:30-4:00 p.m.	Seminars	2 p.m.	Closing
6-9 p.m.	Dinner		

Topics Include: Medicare, Medicaid, Social Security, Badger Care, Wills, Power of Attorney for Health Care, Current Indian Law Issues, and Veteran Benefits.

Attending the conference is free but limited to 200 registrants. All meals are provided. Registration starts June 18th. Register by calling Mary Jo at Wisconsin Judicare at 1-800-472-1638.

Hotel rooms are available and will cost \$30 per person for both nights. Seven rooms per tribe will be allocated at this reduced rate. This reduced rate is for elders only. If interested ask for details when you register. Note: Rooms are double or triple occupancy so please consider sharing a room with a friend or relative so more elders can take advantage of the reduced rate. Room requests must be made by July 20th.

To register and/or request a hotel room CALL Mary Jo at Wisconsin Judicare at 1-800-472-1638 starting June 18th.

Judicare's Indian Law Office's Native American Elders Outreach Project, has sponsored this conference with financial assistance, in whole, through a grant from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the Federal Medicare Agency.

NOTICE

WHAT: Ho-Chunk Nation Tribal Aging Unit Elderly Advisory Board vacancies.

WHERE: Area I Black River Falls
Area V At-Large

WHEN: August 15, 2012

WHY: Elderly Advisory Board member terms expired.


HOW: Contact Black River Falls Tribal Aging Unit office at 1-888-701-8284 for board information.

According to Ho-Chunk Nation selection process, the new members will be selected by the elders from their respective area.

House For Sale



Timber Run Site, Lot 9 Wisconsin Dells
Newly remodeled 4 bedroom, Ranch Style House. 2 full baths, full basement. Appliances included on 4.2 acres of land. Located at W2430 Readel Lane, Lyndon Station, WI.
Wisconsin Dells School District.
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Contact Kevin Vasquez
Cell: 608-844-3352



Lil Skenandore Golf Memorial

When: Sunday, August 5, 2012
Where: Skyline- Black River Falls, WI
Registration: 7:30-8:30am Shotgun Start: 9:00 am
Cost: \$55.00

For Info Call: (608)387-0284 Joan Greendeer-Lee

13th Annual Reunion

Brown Family

Saturday & Sunday
August 4th & 5th

Blackhawk Park, DeSoto, WI.
 Family – Food – Fun
 Bring a dish to pass – meat provided
 Auction – Horseshoes

Questions call – Denise Browne – 715-896-3109 Or Lisa Goze – 847-773-5472

Thank you

On behalf of Dobie (Steven) Yellowbank, I would like to say wainiginap for all the prayers, hugs and blessings that helped me through this difficult time.

Wainiginap to all his Yellowbank, Fanning and Youngthunder families. Pinagigi to all his Chicago friends and family. Just wanted to let you all know that at one point Dobe told me that "He lived a good life" and loved all of you. Even though he was tough on the outside he really had a soft and sweet heart, and to my family for being there for me. It really helped me. I love you all very much.

Wainiginap wii,
 Sarah C. Cooper



Thank you

We the family of Steven Wayne Yellowbank (Dobe) and Sarah Cooper's family would like to thank everyone who helped Steven on his journey. Thank you to Pat Youngthunder, daughter Tari Youngthunder and his daughter Kristin WhiteEagle for being part of his family and life. Thank you to the Ho-Chunk Nation for their assistance and help.

Thank you to Tega Henry Whitethunder for sending Steven on his journey. Thank you to all who helped cook, serve and brought food for Steven's last meal with family and friends.

Thank you from his father Jim Fanning, wife Colleen Fanning, Brothers Derek and Larry Fanning, brother Tarren King, sister Serena Yellowbank, nieces and nephews. Sister Velvet Cooper and Martin Cooper.

Stevens daughter Kristin WhiteEagle, her mother Tari Youngthunder, Pat Youngthunder, Sarah Cooper and family.

Judy Yellowbank
 Martin Yellowbank
 Frieda Decorah



Mom, Dad,
 Gerald, Dante
 and Wiha



Lenora Ann Dick Smith,

63, Vesper, died Friday, July 20, 2012 at St. Joseph's Hospital in Marshfield, WI. Services will begin at 1:00 PM on Monday, July 23 at Lenora's home (6430 Hemlock Road, Vesper) and conclude with burial at the Dexterville Cemetery in the Town of Dexterville. Wilbert Cleveland will officiate. Visitation will be from 3:00

PM until 5:00 PM on Sunday, July 22 at Lenora's home.

Lenora was born on September 26, 1948 in Wisconsin Rapids to the late Vanvernd and Emaline (Grizzly Bear) Dick Sr. She married Charles E. Smith Sr. on November 27, 1967 in Wisconsin Rapids. Following high school; she pursued her CNA certification and attended UW Stevens Point, later earning two associates degrees from MSTC, Wisconsin Rapids. Lenora worked as a CNA at Edgewater Nursing Home for 9 years before becoming very active in various areas of the Ho-Chunk community. Within the Ho-Chunk Nation, she worked as a Youth Coordinator in Youth Services, Promotions Manager for Rainbow Casino in Nekoosa and served on many committees, such as the Personnel Committee, General Council Agency and the Ethics Review Board.

Despite working and being active outside of the home, Lenora's greatest love was that of being a mother to her 9 children and grandmother to 11. In addition to raising her own children, Lenora and Charles were foster parents to many children over the years. For Lenora, there was always room in her heart for one more child.

Lenora was a proud member of the White Cross Native American Church.

Lenora learned how to cook after she married Charles and she excelled in her new found abilities, winning 1st place in both frybread and soup competitions. Together, Lenora and Charles established and reinforced strong family values by how they lived their lives. In her free time, Lenora enjoyed working on sewing and craft projects.

Lenora is survived by her beloved husband, Charles E. Smith Sr.; children, Dawn Marie (Jerome) Thoms of Plover, Leona Smith of Milwaukee, Charles (Lori) Smith of Lake Andes, SD, Mitchell (Christine) Smith of Wisconsin Rapids, Ellen (Babygirl) Smith of Vesper, Terrance Smith of Wisconsin Rapids, Michael YellowThunder of Unity, Taylor YellowThunder and Octavia Budreau both of Vesper; grandchildren, Dana Marie DeVerney, Ruth Georgine Smith II, Gabrielle Smith, Christian Smith, Ronnee Smith, Piriell Smith, Sylence Smith, Sunny Smith, Cassidy Smith, Talina Smith and Kaden YellowThunder; siblings, Norbert (Alice) Dick of Wisconsin Rapids, Keith Dick of Nekoosa, Vanvernd Dick Jr. of Nekoosa and Elaine (Richard) Nakai of Nekoosa and extended family and friends. She is preceded in death by her sister, Lorna Nakai; brothers, Nathan and Crandall Dick and granddaughter, India Serene Dawn Smith.

Taylor, Vollert and Jennings Funeral Home is assisting the family.

Kevin Porter rolls dice with PDub

Forrest Funmaker
Staff Writer

July 15th, 2012. The District 1 Community Center Activity Room looked like a scene from Hustle and Flow as Kevin Porter, Anishnabe from Thunder Bay, Ontario, laid down his new CD with PDub Productions. It was pretty interesting to see how Brandon Winneshiek transformed the tired activity room into a conduit for one of the newest sounds coming out of Indian Country. All that was missing were egg cartons or coffee trays stapled to the walls. Winneshiek set up his black PDub canopy (the one he sports at all the pow-wows) right inside the activity room.

Porter, a pow-wow singer of some 22 years, usually sings with Thunder Mountain and a youth group from back home. "Yeah, my grandfather had me help him bring in the colors one time and I have been hooked ever since," he said.

Porter was focused this day as he brought down a laptop full of songs and went through his top ten. Porter nailed his first side step and knew he had gold. Winneshiek handed him the surround sound headphones and let him hear the playback. Porter's eyes



Sara Rave and Adriana Tom (not pictured) putting more bounce to the ounce in jingle sounds.

lit up as he yelled over the blaring sounds in his ears, "Ah man, that sounds good!"

Winneshiek wanted this CD of side step songs to have a live sound of jingle dresses moving in the background. He set up a special microphone to one side of the room and had Sara Rave and Adriana Tom dance as Porter sang each song.

After each take, he would sit down, grab his headphones, and go through his next song on his computer. He would hum it out until he felt he could light it up. Quickly he would pull off the headphones rush over to the microphone and lay it down like Johnny Cash at Sun Studio.

Porter has a unique vocal sound that is rich in Anishnabe tenor. "I don't try to sound like a Cree when I sing. Those guys sing too high for me. I like my natural voice. It lets me sing louder," Porter smiles. On an octave level in the room, the monitors read full green with a few pushes into the low red. That's pretty loud for one voice. Porter's drumming style was very accomplished as well. He hit every side step with precision and intent. Very rarely did he go offbeat. If he did, he would stop, step back and look over to Brandon to cut the track. "Can we do that again?" Porter asked with professionalism. Within a few seconds, Winneshiek signaled to Porter to start. The synchronized sounds of jingles became evident again. This was definitely hard core Ojibway.



L-R Jean (Coo Coo) Plummer and Donna Plummer (Kevin's mother).

"Yeah, I am not fluent, so I get my grandmother (coo coo) to translate the words for me."

His coo coo, Jean Plummer, sat outside (in the gym) at one point and waved it off. "Oh, he always wants me to translate these hard words from English to Anishnabek. It's hard to tell him we don't have a word for 'beauty' in our language," Plummer stated. She laughed with her daughter, Donna Plummer (Porter's mom) who said, "Yeah huh? Neeshin...eh?"

Coo Coo Jean shrugged off that word as well, "No, that just means 'nice'," she explained. For those who don't know the meaning of the jingle dress. The sound of the jingles represents rain falling. It is often called the "healing dress" and comes from a vision of a young girl who wanted to cure a sickness in her community. She had a vision of this dress that would sound like rain. Maggie White from White Fish Bay, Ontario was one of the early pioneers that made this ceremonial dance popular. Even though, the dress may have lost some of its power for contest dancing, the Jingle Dress Societies in Ontario and Northern Minnesota that exist still use it for its original purpose to heal in their ceremonies.

The Winneshiek family put on great lunch with lots of nipana and frybread for everyone. Chief Clayton Winneshiek said a prayer for the Porter family and their long journey home. "My cysge, Brandon, is a combat veteran. We support him in



Kevin Porter singing to his perfect Indian girl.



PDub owner, Brandon Winneshiek, monitoring the sounds of next big hit.

every way we can. This meal is a part of that. May the Creator bless all of us," he said to the Porter family.

After lunch, Porter couldn't quite hit the words to one of his new songs. He kept trying to get it though. He would get three leads in and then shake his head and stop. "I forgot the words," he would say, then regroup at his lap top to hear it again. He then thought he might add a few round dances to the mix, but he

wasn't happy with how those sounded. Brandon turned the activity into a night scene to see if that may help inspire his young talent. After many tries he said, "I can live with what I got down," Porter said. He seemed pretty happy with a chance to record all these songs. It will be interesting to hear how this CD turns out and what affect it will have in years to come with which group sings these songs.

Riding for a good cause

Submitted by David Abangan

A group of "wild hogs" recently participated in a motorcycle ride as part of the Thunder Run event in Madison. Approximately 450 bikers participated in the ride taking them to Columbus, WI for a few hours of entertainment and back. All said and done the 100 mile journey plus other weekend activities raised over \$80,000 for American Diabetes Association and Juvenile Diabetes Research Fund. Since its inception the Thunder Run event has raised over \$1 million towards the causes. Ho-Chunk Gaming - Madison has been a major sponsor of Thunder Run for 6 years.



(L-R): Calvin Whiteagle, Steve Abangan, Jenel Hanson, Tim Hanson, Representative John Holst, Glen Decorah, Dave Abangan